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WASHINGTON LETTER.

YOUR correspondent called on Secretary of the Treasury Gage, after his return from Milwaukee and asked the Secretary to somewhat further elucidate his financial creed as given to the American Banker's Association. Mr. Gage replied that he hardly cared to go into the subject more extensively at this time as he was just preparing his annual report, and that to do so would be to "steal the thunder" from that. "Then I understand that an elucidation of those ideas and the methods by which they may be carried out will form the chief topic of your report?" was asked. "Not precisely. I did not say that," the Secretary replied. "But substantially?" "Well, to a considerable extent." "Mr. Secretary, the papers opposed to the administration are charging you with favoring the bankers at the expense of the people and that by your system you would put the people entirely in the power of the bankers." "Of course, that was to be expected. But that arises from a wrong conception of the facts. Those papers don't, or won't, appreciate that the prosperity of the bankers depends upon the prosperity of the people, that their interests are identical." "Would you not place in the hands of the bankers the power to inflate or contract the currency at will?" "My idea is simply to get the government out of the banking business. That is not its province and it is the province of the banks. But you must wait for my annual report for further details."

Speaking of financial conditions in the West, Mr. Gage said that he found everything extremely satisfactory. That there was no evidence "that crop failures would result in an increase of farm mortgages, and in fact the Republican prosperity showed every evidence of continuing at the flood." The Secretary further said "We have right here in the Treasury, a barometer which is never failing in the demand for bills of small denominations. We are working our force at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing two hours overtime and the mail that manufactures the paper on which they are printed, is turning out four million extra sheets per day and still we cannot supply the demand. That is the best evidence in the world that the crops are moving smoothly and that money is in general circulation. Yes, there is abundant prosperity in the West."

Representative Hopkins of Illinois, who is in Washington, has made public his intention of introducing, during the first week of the coming Congress, a bill providing for the permanent establishment of the Census Bureau. His bill will further instruct the Civil Service Commission to place on the classified list the employees, about two thousand, that are now on the rolls of the Census Bureau. In a measure the proposed bill is a compliment to the efficiency and business methods of the present director, William R. Merriam, who would retain his post at a salary of \$7,500 per year. Mr. Hopkins, who is chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, also stated that he was opposed to all legislation looking to a decrease of the revenue, that with the Isthmian Canal to build, a River and Harbor bill to pass and possibly some ship subsidies to take care of he considered any reduction of revenue "a very foolish business."

Before committing himself on the reciprocity treaties, it is his desire to learn the views of prominent Republican Senators, and to that end he has summoned a number to the White House. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty will also be liberally discussed. The President has had a conference with Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, who, it will be recalled, advised President McKinley that the Senate was not favorable to any more reciprocity treaties or to any revision of the Dingley tariff bill. What he advised Colonel Roosevelt is not known although a good deal of curiosity attaches to his call.

An important change in the State Department is announced in the resignation of the third assistant Secretary, Mr. Thomas W. Cridler and the appointment in his place of Mr. Herbert H. D. Pierce, of Massachusetts, now first Secretary of the American Embassy, at St. Petersburg. The statement is made that Mr. Cridler's resignation was called for by Secretary Hay as a result of what he considered lack of judgment on Mr. Cridler's part in the handling of claims of American citizens against the Sultan of Morocco.

Secretary Root returned to his desk on Wednesday and found many important affairs awaiting him, the chief being the disposition of troops for the Philippines. The expiration of terms of enlistment during the next three months will reduce the forces by about 10,000 men, and in view of the recent trouble in Samar and the recommendation of Lieutenant General Miles, Adjutant General Corbin and General MacArthur, it has been determined to maintain the present strength of about 40,000 men until further developments warrant its reduction. No increase is contemplated, but it will be necessary to establish numerous small garrisons in order to effectively police the islands and maintain order. Senator Barretto, chief translator for the provost marshal general of Manila, and a native Philippine, is in Washington and expresses the belief that for some time to come a stronger hand than that exercised by the civil commission will be needed. He says that the Philippines have so long been used to Spanish methods that they are incapable of understanding kindness and that the strict discipline and military display of the army is essential to their control.

It has been made known at the Navy Department, that Rear Admiral Crowninshield will be transferred from his position as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation and that he will be succeeded by Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor. Admiral Crowninshield will be given command of the European station.

Work is being pushed on the new power-house at Seaford, and when it is completed it will be possible to pump water directly to the supply pipes. In a short time the town will secure the necessary hose and hose carriages and organize a fire company.

STATE AND MARYLAND NEWS

DELMAR SWEEP BY FIRE

Fire Saturday swept over the thriving town of Delmar, burning an area of more than ten acres covered with buildings and causing a loss of fully \$100,000, with but little insurance.

The flames broke out in the second story of William T. Sirmann's barn about 2 P. M. and within a few minutes it was seen that most of the town was doomed. A special engine was started at once from Salisbury, where word had been telegraphed to bring the Salisbury fire department. The engine and hose wagon were quickly loaded and the special left Salisbury at 3 o'clock, making the run of seven miles in five minutes.

When the department arrived it was plain to see that the task was appalling. The lack of water facilities hampered the work of the firemen. The only water was obtained was to run an engine to the water tank, fill the engine's tanks and pump from them. Several engines were used as relays, and by this method the fire was gotten under control in about two hours.

ALMOST A CLEAN SWEEP

The boundaries of the fire were from East State street to Front street, to Grove street to Second street, to New street, to Railroad avenue. In all this territory there is but one house left standing—the brick building of Elijah Freeny—which the firemen saved after a hard fight. If it had burned it would have spread the fire to all that part of the town on the Maryland side. As it is, no property was destroyed on that side.

The Pennsylvania railroad office, which was on fire several times, was saved after determined fighting, as were also the churches and the hotel and bank building. The post office was burned, but the mails were saved. In all more than sixty buildings were burned.

MANY ARE FINANCIALLY RUINED

Grief rears among those who are homeless, many of whom are financially ruined by the fire. Thirty or forty families had to depend upon their neighbors for shelter. Every store in the town was burned but two, and they are small ones.

During the fire the wind was blowing almost a hurricane, and more than fifty houses were burning at one time. The roar of the flames could be heard many blocks, the insurance, it is estimated, will not reach half the loss.

FIRST CABINET MEETING

President Roosevelt returned from New Haven Thursday morning, and on Friday morning held the first fully attended Cabinet meeting of his administration. He somewhat surprised his Cabinet by the announcement that he would write his entire message himself instead of calling upon the various members to write those portions dealing with the work of their respective departments. He further stated that it was his intention to state the facts, without making recommendations, in regard to several of the important matters Congress would have to consider. He read some excerpts from the message and the impression of his advisers was that the paper would be a conservative terse production, probably somewhat shorter than has heretofore been the case. It is said that he will recommend the establishment of a Department of Commerce and Industry.

DROWNED MAN'S BODY RECOVERED

The body of Howard Murray, aged 21 years, of Blackwell, was found in a ditch near Delaware City Tuesday by Thomas McDonough, who was searching for driftwood. Murray was employed on scows of the Virginia Dredging Company, and on the night of October 15th he made a mistake and fell overboard while working off Delaware City. The body had been washed in from the river. It was taken in charge by Coroner Erick.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

It is understood that the rural mail delivery systems for Kent and Sussex counties will go into effect December 1st, and that the appointments of carriers will be announced by November 1st. As seven carriers will be dispatched every morning from the Dover post office, and these will not return early, it is probable that the afternoon mails leaving Dover will be changed from 3.30 o'clock to 5.10 P. M.

THE MANUFACTURE OF PAPER

One of the important industries of Delaware is the manufacture of paper and pulp in which there are six firms and companies with capital of \$2,143,108 engaged. There are 451 persons employed in the industry and their annual wages amount to \$103,783. Last year 14,421 tons of book paper valued at \$1,077,722 and 1,065 tons of pulp, valued at \$71,683, were manufactured in this State.

DOVERITE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Theodore F. Cooke, formerly an official of the Water Department, of Dover, has entered suit in Superior Court for divorce from his wife, Julia A. Cooke. It is understood that Mrs. Cooke left Dover several months ago and has taken up her residence in Philadelphia. John B. Hutton appears for Cooke, but the defendant is not represented.

HORSE THIEVES ABOUT

Horse thieves are active in the country surrounding Wilmington and the police have reports of several animals having been stolen recently. Richard Merrick of Red Lion and John McCarthy and Emmor Taylor of Fairville have had horses stolen from them within the past few days.

GETTING READY FOR FIRE SERVICE

Work is being pushed on the new power-house at Seaford, and when it is completed it will be possible to pump water directly to the supply pipes. In a short time the town will secure the necessary hose and hose carriages and organize a fire company.

SMALLPOX IN KENT

Dr. E. W. Cooper, president of the State Board of Health, made the following statement Monday:

"I wish you would say for the State Board of Health that the epidemic prevailing in Kent county, Delaware, and in Maryland near the line is surely smallpox and the publication of newspapers, or the declaration of citizens that claim it to be chickenpox or anything else is decidedly in the way of the State Board of Health in its efforts to stop it. We are doing all we can with the means at our disposal, and we will utterly fail unless the press and people give us a cordial support."

"We say to the smallpox patients: 'Stay in the house.' Some one else comes along and says, 'It ain't smallpox, or this man would die.' Then he goes out and the disease spreads. The lightest case of varioloid may develop to be the worst case of smallpox. This is a cold weather disease and when the house is closed up and the people live along side a hot stove in the winter, the probability is that it will assume a more malignant form, resulting in death. Now during this pleasant weather is the time to prevent its spread."

While in Wilmington Dr. Cooper conferred with Dr. Alexander W. Lower, secretary of the State Board of Health. They say the smallpox is of mild form.

RECEIVED APPORTIONMENT

Wilmington has received its apportionment of the State school fund, the Board of Education having received notice from State Treasurer Burris that the amount of its dividend, \$24,124, was deposited to the credit of the board in the Farmers Bank at Dover. The Notice was opened at the meeting of the board Monday night. The apportionment for Wilmington was made on the basis of 110 teachers at \$219.40 each, and is \$1,613.25 more than last year's dividend. It is held by the members of the board that Wilmington is not receiving her share of the State fund as were the apportionment made on the same basis as for the county schools, the city would get about \$60,000.

MILLITIA AT GEORGETOWN

Application has been made to Colonel Townsend of the First Regiment, N. G. D., for permission to organize a military company at Georgetown. The Colonel has signified his willingness and the work is awaiting with success. It is likely that Charles Moore will be captain; George Davis, first lieutenant, and George Stengle, second lieutenant. Thirty charter members will be required and already over 20 have signified their intention of joining. The company will have the use of the guns and lockers formerly used by the company which was disbanded there sometime ago.

ELY'S LIQUID CREAM BALM

ELY'S LIQUID CREAM BALM is an old friend in new form. It is prepared for the particular benefit of sufferers from nasal catarrh who are used to an atomizer in spraying the diseased membranes. All the healing and soothing properties of Cream Balm are retained in the new preparation. It does not dry up the secretions. Price, including spraying tube, 75 cents. At your druggist's or Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it.

COMMITTED TO JAIL FOR PERJURY

Theodore Pinder, colored, was committed to jail last Tuesday for perjury to await the action of the grand jury. Pinder who was witness in a larceny case a few days since stated before State's Attorney J. Frank Harper, of Centreville, Md., that his home was in Baltimore. He was in Centreville Tuesday morning to register when he stated to the registrars that he was a resident of Centreville. He was then arraigned before "Squire Emory with the above result under \$100 bail.

WANTS \$100,000 DAMAGES

Ex-Senator John S. Wirt and Albert Constable, Sr., counsel for Dr. James C. Mackenzie, in his suit against the trustees of the Jacob Tamm Institute, at Port Deposit, have filed their declaration in the suit at the Clerk's office, in Elkton. The document which is a very short one, states that Dr. Mackenzie was employed as Director by trustees of said institute at a salary of \$10,000 per year, and that he was wrongfully dismissed. The amount of damages asked for is \$100,000.

PARK STABLES BURNED

The Park stables on Water street, Elkton, owned by William H. Elder, were burned to the ground shortly after four o'clock Wednesday morning. No insurance was carried on the contents. The Elkton fire company promptly reached the fire and did good work.

CORNER STONE LAID

The corner-stone of the new M. E. Church at Havre de Grace, Md., given by S. J. Seneca and his wife, was laid Tuesday afternoon in the presence of 1000 people. The church will be the finest in the Baltimore M. E. Conference outside of Baltimore and Washington, and it will cost from \$75,000 to \$85,000.

SUBMARINE BOAT AT CHESAPEAKE

The submarine boat Holland and the Alvarado, one of the gunboats that was captured from the Spanish, passed through the canal Saturday evening and laid over until Sunday morning. They were on their way down the bay.

CAN'T FIND A POSTMASTER

The Post Office Department at Washington has notified Postmaster Maull of Georgetown, that the post office at Rodney, four miles from that place, will be discontinued after the 1st of November, as no suitable applicant can be had for the office.

AT BARRETT'S CHAPEL

Barrett's Chapel, the cradle of Methodism, celebrated its one hundred and twenty-first anniversary Sunday. Scores of carriages brought visitors to the site of the old church, and it was estimated that fifteen hundred people were present. The weather was ideal. The Rev. Mr. Warren, pastor of Union M. E. Church, New York, who preached his first sermon in the church when he was 10 years of age, officiated. He related graphically the story of the first meeting of Thomas Coke and Francis Ashbury, the first two bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which occurred in Barrett's Chapel on November 14th, 1784, when they formulated plans that led to the organization of the Methodist Church in Baltimore, the next month. The bench upon which these distinguished men sat at that time was used in the pulpit Sunday. Seated thereon were the Rev. W. J. Jocelyn of Frederick M. E. Church, the Rev. E. K. Jones, of Frederick M. P. Church; the Rev. A. W. Jones, of Canterbury, and the Rev. George Emmet Wood, pastor of the church.

FIRM HAS DISSOLVED

A sensation was created throughout Sussex and the lower Maryland counties Saturday when it became known that the Hon. Albert W. Robinson had been appointed receiver for the Sharpshooters and crate factory, and the Knowles Hardware Company. Both concerns were owned by Mr. Robinson and William Knowles, of Sharpshooters, and J. Dallas and Harvey Marvell, of Laurel. Several weeks ago the factories shut down, throwing nearly every laboring man in Sharpshooters out of employment. This action was mystifying, as the concerns were crowded with orders and had thousands of dollars worth of raw material on hand, much of which would go to waste. The fact that large dividends were regularly paid deepened the mystery.

ISAAC SHORT DEAD

Isaac Short, father of the Rev. F. Burgett Short, pastor of the Epworth M. E. Church, Wilmington, died at his home in Georgetown Sunday morning. Mr. Short had been ill for sometime, but it was not until last Saturday that his condition became very serious. On that day the Rev. Mr. Short and his brother, Isaac D. Short, received a message requesting them to come to Georgetown at once as their father was worse. The deceased was well-known throughout the lower part of the State and at one time was county treasurer of Sussex county. He is survived by five children: Robert and Miss Jennie Short and Mrs. Joseph Hearn, of Georgetown, and the Rev. F. Burgett and Isaac D. Short of Wilmington.

BIG APPLE CROP

S. H. Derby, a very successful trucker and fruit grower of near Woodside, has just finished picking a large crop of apples in spite of the fact that the crop was a total failure with almost every other grower in this section. Mr. Derby has a full crop of Winesap with a few Carthous and other standard varieties and his crop is estimated at 2000 baskets. He has already sold the entire crop at \$3.25 per barrel, purchaser to furnish barrels and send man to pack the fruit. The crop will therefore net Mr. Derby \$675.

A WORTHY SUCCESSOR

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All Doctors have tried to cure CATARRH by the use of powders, acids, gels, inhalers and drugs in paste form. Their powders dry up the mucous membranes causing them to crack open and bleed. The powerful acids used in the inhalers have entirely eaten away the same membranes that their makers have aimed to cure, while pastes and ointments cannot reach the disease. An old and experienced practitioner who has for many years made a close study and specialty of the treatment of CATARRH, and has at last perfected a Treatment which when faithfully used, not only relieves at once, but permanently cures CATARRH, by removing the cause, stopping the discharges, and curing all inflammation. It is the only remedy known to science that actually reaches the afflicted parts. This wonderful remedy is known as "SNUFFLES" and is sold at the extremely low price of One Dollar, each package containing internal and external medicine sufficient for a full month's treatment and everything necessary to its perfect use.

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THE ELECTIONS

On Tuesday next elections will be held in several states for state officers. In Maryland the contest is of interest because ex-Senator Arthur Pue Gorman is once more in command of the Democratic forces and is making the disfranchisement of the colored man the issue of the campaign. In preparation for this fight, the Legislature was called in special session and enacted a new ballot law that practically keeps all illiterates from voting. Against these odds the Republicans have put up a stiff fight and by means of their night schools in every precinct and district have been able to get their voters in such shape that they express confidence in the result.

In Pennsylvania the interest lies in the fight against Quayism in the state and Ashbridgeism in the city of Philadelphia. The Independent Republicans, or "Insurgents," have combined with the better portion of the Democrats who are led by ex-Governor Pattison, and the indications are that the contest in Philadelphia will be very close, with a prospect of the defeat of John Weaver the Republican candidate for District Attorney.

In New York, all interest is centered in the fight against Tammany and for once all opponents of that organization seem to be in harmonious and enthusiastic support of Seth Low who is making a hot fight for Mayor. In this fight, he has an able ally in Justice Jerome the candidate for District Attorney. The latter has been telling some of his own experiences with the police and Tammany officials and has so incurred the enmity of the "Machine" that at least one attempt has been made on his life, and it is charged that the police had knowledge of the plot if they were not the prime movers in it. The chances in New York appear to favor the reformers and the betting is now at odds of 10 to 8 against Shepard. One of the striking features of this contest is the part some of the prominent preachers are taking in the campaign. A number of them are speaking nearly every night and are openly favoring a law to permit the saloons to remain open for the sale of beer, wine and malt liquors all of the Sabbath except during the hours of church service. They take the ground that in this way temperance will be more general than at present and there will be less lawbreaking and less drunkenness.

In the other states, the elections are of hardly more than local interest and all may be expected to vote as in the past. There is no doubt that Virginia will go Democratic nor that Rhode Island will go Republican.

FIRE AT DELMAR

On Saturday last, the town of Delmar was swept by fire, and almost totally destroyed. About sixty buildings, including all the stores in Delmar, the churches, dwellings etc. were burned leaving at least fifty families homeless, and in many cases suffering for food. The people of Salisbury, Maryland, who only a week before had been threatened with a like disaster, were quick to send a carload of provisions to help the citizens over Sunday. This is the second serious fire in less than ten years that Delmar has suffered, and follows close on the rejection by a majority of the people to establish a water system. They sadly learned the lesson on Saturday as they saw their beautiful homes go up in smoke, and have already set about devising a plan to provide protection and to build brick instead of frame dwellings. While the expense of owning and operating a water plant may seem heavy it is cheap in the end. Middletown's plant has been in operation fourteen years, and no fire has yet gotten out of the building in which it originated, and our insurance rates are low when we consider the premiums of from 2 per cent. to 4 per cent. paid in towns like Delmar without such protection.

ATTENTION is called to a communication from one of our most prominent citizens in another column. The charges made therein are serious and demand explanation. The author is positive that his information is correct, and states that he has three summonses in his possession issued this week to which Mr. Cox's name is signed, and which the latter emphatically states he never saw until twenty-four hours after the date written therein.

ST. GEORGE'S ITEMS

Miss Elizabeth Riley is visiting friends at Kirkwood.
Miss Mattie Cann is visiting relatives in Wilmington.
Mr. Harry Richards is visiting friends in Wilmington.
Mr. Orlando A. Sutton was a Wilmington visitor on Thursday.
Miss Della Moore is being entertained by relatives near Clayton.
Miss Maude Clark is visiting Miss Florence Cox at Grange Hall.
Mr. Henry Straub's condition we are sorry to report is yet critical.
Miss Sallie Riley spent part of last week with Mrs. Edgar Carrow.
Mr. James Manning spent Sunday with his parents near Middletown.
Miss Bertie Cannon, of Boverville, spent Sunday with Miss Anna Moore.
Miss Kizzie Miller, of Wilmington, is being entertained by Mrs. Sallie Riley.
Miss Sallie Swartz, of Mt. Pleasant, was the guest of her sister, Miss Benah Swartz this week.
Mr. Richard Moore is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Moore.
Miss Mattie Swain, of "Clear View," entertained Miss Mattie Cann, of Kirkwood, on Sunday.
Mrs. J. B. Vail, of McDonough, and Mrs. J. G. Gray were callers at "Clear View" on Tuesday.
Misses Elsie Richards, Alida Price, Florence Jones, Anna Moore and Mattie Swain are visitors in Wilmington.
Mrs. William Haman and daughter, Miss Beatrice, of State Road, spent Monday with her mother at "Clear View."

Mr. Henry Stramb is entertaining two of his daughters, Mrs. E. Clark, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Carrie Stramb, of New Castle.
Miss Gertrude Swain has returned home after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Lester, of near Red Lion.
Mr. and Mrs. William Haman and daughter, Miss Beatrice, of State Road, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Eugene Gravatt.
Mrs. Sallie Riley and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were entertained at "Bird's Nest" on Sunday, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Simmons and family.
Misses Anna Moore, Florence Jones and Jodie Crossland were guests of friends at McDonough last Friday, and were accompanied home by Miss Blanche Jones.

Mrs. F. P. Van Hekle, Sr., who has for sometime been very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Carrow, Jr., of near town, we are glad to report is convalescent.
Mr. and Mrs. William Lester entertained at their home on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lester and two children of Delaware City; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lester and daughter, of Red Lion, and Miss Gertrude Swain, of town.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS
Messrs. Harry and Julian Jones were Elkton visitors on Thursday.
Mr. William Berry spent three days this week with Dover friends.
Mrs. Clayton Ellison and Miss Ethel Ellison spent Wednesday in Middletown.
Mr. Daniel Clayton, of Kenton, Del., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Henry L. Neff.
Quite a number from here attended the Sunday School Convention in Chesapeake City on Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. Merritt Paxon, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erran Paxon, at Summit Bridge, Del.
Mrs. Mary E. Clayton and sons, Walter and John, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Florence Egee in Chesapeake City.
Mr. and Mrs. James Hoffecker, of Middletown, were entertained one day this week by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Williams.
Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Spear celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on Friday evening last. Quite a number from this neighborhood were among the guests.
Rev. and Mrs. Perry, of Chesapeake City; Messrs. Charles Cann, of Kirkwood, Del., and Maurice Ellison, of Mt. Pleasant, were entertained on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ellison.
The condition of Harry K. Armstrong, of near Middletown, who is suffering from a fractured skull, the result of a blow with a pitchfork in the hands of George B. Rhodes, is gratifying to his friends. He is receiving treatment at the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia.

Brain-Food Nonsense
Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at J. S. & W. Lattomus, Townsend, Del. Get Green's Special Almanac.

Mysteries Case
John Dane, colored, was admitted to the county hospital at Farnhurst on Wednesday, October 23d, apparently suffering with an attack of delirium tremens. Several bruises were found on his body, and the hospital officials believed them to have resulted from his falling about while intoxicated. Dane tells a story of having been waylaid in Delaware City last week.

James Has Retained Counsel
George L. Townsend, Jr., and Thomas F. Bayard have been engaged as counsel for Alexander U. Jones, colored, who is charged with killing John Wesley Wilmore, on September 26th, on Christiana street. His case is to come before the November term of court.

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SMALL POX SCARE IN COURT-ROOM

A scare occurred at Dover last week during a referee trial in the Levy Court room before Referee John Saterfield, John W. Cannon and Joseph McGonigal. The case was that of William R. Cahoon and William H. Moore against Laura D. Lockwood, to reclaim an amount obtained on a judgment against them in the magistrate's court by Mrs. Lockwood, who contended that a field of corn which they seized and sold on a debt of her husband, was her individual property. Kenney & Magee were the attorneys for Mrs. Lockwood, while Henry Ridgely, Jr., and W. W. Harrington, appeared for Messrs. Cahoon and Moore. Just after Mrs. Lockwood had testified, Sheriff Frank Reedy hurried into the court room and exclaimed: "Excuse me, gentlemen, but that lady is just out of the smallpox!"

There was a death-like silence, Sheriff Reedy meantime moving toward Mrs. Lockwood as though he was about to arrest her, and the attorneys and spectators were about to take it as a joke, when in hurried Dr. T. O. Clements, exclaiming that Mrs. Lockwood had no business here, that smallpox had appeared in her neighborhood in West Dover hundred and she had been going in and out among it. He exhibited a letter from Magistrate Castle reporting the existence of the smallpox to the State Board of Health.

The attorneys, apparently "stunned," looked at each other. "You may take the witness, Mr. Magee," said Lawyer Ridgely. "But I am quite through with the witness," insisted Mr. Magee, "and really, gentlemen, if you will excuse me, I have another important engagement elsewhere." I have some pressing business outside, too, gentlemen," retorted Mr. Ridgely, as he sought for his hat and started out. In a few minutes there were hardly enough people left to hear the referee decide for the defendant, and it is said that the judges themselves hurried out without ascertaining about the costs of the case.

Women and Jewels
Jewels, candy, flowers, man—that is the order of woman's preferences. Jewels form a magnet of mighty power to the average woman. Even that greatest of all jewels, health, is often ruined in the strenuous efforts to make or save the money to purchase them. If a woman will risk her health to get a coveted gem, then let her fortify herself against the insidious consequences of coughs, colds and bronchial troubles and drive the dread disease from the system. It is not a cure-all, but it is a certain cure for coughs, colds and all bronchial troubles. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at J. S. & W. Lattomus, Townsend, Del. Get Green's Special Almanac.

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Boys' Clothing
Two men, one a designer and the other a practical clothing man, do nothing but plan for the boys. We devote a special building to manufacturing boys' goods alone. Such organization means that we have the business down to a science—and we find the better we do it the bigger it grows.

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REGISTER'S OFFICE.
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL. Sep. 18, 1901.
Upon the application of Annie E. Bratton, Administratrix of Isaac Bratton, late of Wilmington Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requesting all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under my hand and seal of said County of New Castle, aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.
CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the eighth day of September, A. D. 1901, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrator, on or before the eighteenth day of September, 1901, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ANNE E. BRATTON Administratrix.
Address—MARTIN B. HERRIS, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Middletown, Del. sept. 21-2m

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For Newark, Camden, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

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CELERY FOR SALE.—Fine Celery now ready for table use, in large or small quantities.—MIDDLETOWN GREEN HOUSES, E. J. STEELE, Florist.

The Middletown library will be open for the securing of books on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 o'clock, and on Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending October 24th: Ladies, Miss Anna Truitt, Gentlemen, M. J. Roper.

Many of our local gunners crossed the line yesterday and spent the day in Maryland and while some report game as being plentiful, others returned with the same old story: "Game is scarce."

"I was chosen out of four applicants, being given the preference because I was a Goldkey graduate," writes Chas. Truitt. Get the free catalogue of Goldkey College, Wilmington. See adv. this paper.

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Every suit bought of The Globe Clothing Store is guaranteed for one year, and we will do all the repairing, pressing, new lining, etc., free of charge for a period of one year.—S. M. ROSENBERG, Prop.

The local grain merchants are having considerable trouble in securing cars for shipping grain. One of our dealers has purchased more than 100,000 bushels which cannot be delivered at the present time owing to the scarcity of cars.

To-morrow at 10:30 A. M., the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at Bethesda M. E. Church.

7:30 P. M., preaching by the pastor, subject, "Tragedy at a Wedding." All invited to these services. Come.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "God's Leading in Our Lives." Psa. 23. Mrs. V. W. Massey, leader.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at St. Anne's Church on Thursday, November 14th, instead of Monday, November 11th, as announced by the last issue of the Delawarean. The hour of service will be announced later.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "God's Leading in Our Lives." Psa. 23. Miss Mary Maxwell, leader.

Fire supposed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed two wheat stacks of Mr. William M. Holten on the Bohemia Manor, on Tuesday night. The stacks burned were situated near the dwelling away from his other stacks, which was fortunate, or his whole crop would have been destroyed.

It has been stated that Mr. Isaac T. Wilson was to move from our town to Hightstown, N. J. This is not correct. Mr. Wilson's family will remove to Hightstown during the coming week, but Mr. Wilson will remain as he has several jobs which he is now working on and prospects for a good share of the work of this community.

The "apron bazaar" held by the Jr. Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church at the home of Miss Daisy Naudain Friday evening last, was largely attended, and the house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Middletown Orchestra furnished music and dancing and other amusements were indulged in. The net proceeds which amounted to \$12 was very gratifying to the society.

From present indications white potatoes will be high this winter, and growers will receive good prices for their crop. Last year this staple article of food could have been bought for 60 cents a bushel and now they are bringing from \$1.00 to \$1.25. This rise in price has been caused by the shortness of the crop and the fact that there will be foreign demand, and it is the opinion of commission merchants that thousands of bushels will be shipped to other countries.

Gay masquerades, male and female, in costumes most grotesque, had the freedom of the town Thursday evening and enjoyed their celebration of Halloween. It was a night of pleasure for many and of the widest freedom from restraint by the law authorities, but all ended well, and very little destruction has been reported, as was the custom in former years.

The "mum social" given by the members of Epworth League last Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Whitlock, on East Main street was a most pleasing affair and a delightful evening. Vocal and instrumental music interspersed with select readings added much to the evening program. The "mum" part of the program afforded much amusement for all, and only a few of the many escaped paying fines imposed for talking. The dining-room was prettily decorated, where ice cream, frozen cherries, cakes and candies were sold, which netted about \$50.00 and was considered very good, as there was another social on the same evening, causing the crowd to be divided.

MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

On Thursday afternoon the Middletown Shooting Association held their second shoot, and while many of the participants are "beginners" at the sport, the following scores are very creditable to the new organization:

1st event, 10 targets.—Won by James H. Smith, 9; Mr. Duryea and Dr. Barnard, 8; "McDonough," 5; "L. C. Smith," 4; "Winchester," 2; "Heavy Artillery," 1; "Nox Vomica," 0.

2d event, 15 targets.—J. H. Smith, 13; Dr. Barnard, 12; Mr. Duryea, 13; "McDonough," 9; "Coyote," 8.

3d event, club shoot, 25 targets.—Dr. Barnard, 22; Messrs. Duryea and Stephens occupied second position with 18 each, and William B. Kates took third with 15 to his credit. "McDonough" got 14 and tied with "Nox Vomica," while "Black Powder" downed 6 and "Winchester," 8.

4th event, 10 targets.—Eliason and Barnard divided honors for high gun with 7 apiece, Kates, Pool and Massey caught 6; "Remington," 6 and "L. C. Smith" killed 5 each; "Winchester," 4; "Visitor" broke 3 and "J. S. Cecil" failed to connect.

5th event, 15 targets.—Dr. Barnard, 12; Kates, 9; Smith, 9; C. Stevens, 9; Dr. Eliason, 9; J. H. Black, 7; H. Pool, 7; "Nox Vomica," 6; "J. S. Cecil," 5; "Black Powder," 4.

6th event, 10 targets.—Dr. Barnard, 9; G. Massey, 8; J. H. Smith, 7; "L. C. Smith," 6; "Winchester," 6, and "Visitor" failed to connect.

7th event, seven pairs double.—Barnard, 10; C. Stephens, 9; McCleary, 9; "Nox Vomica," 6 and "Remington," 3.

Highest straight run 13 for Dr. Barnard, 12 for Mr. Duryea, Massey, 8 and Charles Stephens, 7.

"Black Powder" and J. A. P. tied for largest straight run of goose eggs and will shoot it off November 14th, "hit and out."

INCENDIARIUM SUSPECTED

The barn on the farm of Mrs. Sara Calhoun, near Sassafras, Md., was destroyed by fire on Monday night. The building was filled with fine hay, and contained farming implements, etc. The supposition is that the fire was of incendiary origin. No arrests have been made.

Sparks from the burning barn ignited the large straw ricks of Mr. Peter Donahoe. Two of the three ricks, representing Mr. Donahoe's crop of straw, were destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$100. Mrs. Calhoun's building was insured. The fire above are but two of a series of fires which have happened recently in Kent county.

The entire stacks of wheat belonging to Elwood Robinson and E. W. State were recently consumed. Incendiariism is suspected and the origin of the fires are being investigated.

BASKET BALL

The basket ball season opened at the Opera House in this town Thursday evening. The attendance was not so good as the management had hoped for, but now that the game is introduced and all those who attend speak highly of the contest, it is to be hoped our people will turn out to witness the first game with a visiting team, which we are informed will be soon. The locals who were greatly strengthened by some of the regulars won by the score of 13 to 10.

The line up:

Middletown—10 Locals—13

Crouch.....Forward.....Foard

Holten.....Forward.....Chance

Ginn.....Center.....Clayton

Saydam.....Defence.....Bickett

Lockner.....Defence.....Hokill

CONDUCTOR DUGAN KILLED

James Dugan, a freight conductor on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, was run down by a car and killed Thursday night while preparing to start on his regular run.

He lived at No. 296 Pine street, Wilmington, and leaves a wife and two children.

In the West Yard he stepped on a siding to take the numbers of the cars composing his train. While thus occupied, a freight car was drilled in on the same siding by a shifting engine, and slowly drifted toward Conductor Dugan.

Before he was aware of its approach, the car had run him down, the wheels passing over his body. Death was instantaneous.

CHANGE IN POSTAL SERVICE

Commencing October 31st, service by post clerk was established on train No. 96, between Wyoming Del. and Philadelphia, Pa., every day except Sunday.

This train leaves Middletown at 6:30 P. M., and this new service will do away with the locked pouch heretofore sent by the same train to Wilmington and will enable our citizens to secure mail from the Harrington and Lewis branch and the Seaford and Cambridge branch in the evening instead of the next morning, as in the past. All points between Wyoming, Del., and Philadelphia, Pa., will be served by this train.

Conference to Meet at Crisfield

Presiding Elders W. F. Corkran, of Eastern district, C. S. Baker, of Dover district, T. E. Martindale, of Salisbury district, and Robert Watt, of Wilmington district, to whom was referred the selection of a place for the holding of the next session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference Thursday decided upon Crisfield, Md. The only other place mentioned was Denton, Md.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. Jos. C. Jolly was a Philadelphia visitor on Monday.

Miss Mary Brown spent Sunday with relatives in Clayton.

Mr. Albert Alexander, of Wilmington, was in town Monday.

Mr. William Riley, of Wilmington, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. George Hopkins was a Smyrna visitor on Wednesday.

Mrs. George Hopkins, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Maurice Burstan spent Sunday and Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. John Goff spent Sunday with his family on East Main street.

Mr. M. N. Willis is visiting West Chester, Pa., and other points.

Misses Elva Reed and Minnie Buckworth were in Wilmington Thursday.

Mr. Albert E. Ginn, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. C. H. Messick and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Cecil, were in town on Monday.

Justice of the Peace Alfred G. Cox has been confined to his home for several days by sickness.

Mrs. Eugene Hanson, of New York City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. G. Chamberlain on Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and son, of Wilmington, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Bradley this week.

Messrs. H. C. and Charles DeValinger left on Thursday for the Pan-American Exposition where they will spend several days.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Barrett returned home Thursday after spending the first of the week in Wilmington and other points.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

Trate because his proposals for marriage had been rejected repeatedly, Elmer A. Pryor in Elkton, Md., Wednesday afternoon shot through the heart Miss Eva Davidson, who did not appreciate his attentions, and then directed the revolver against himself, making complete a shocking double tragedy that has stirred the progressive town in Cecil county. The murder and suicide were committed on the principal thoroughfare. It was observed by several horror-stricken spectators, who were powerless to stay the arm of the determined Pryor before he could complete his deadly intentions. Pryor was about 35 years old and generally was employed as a stationary engineer.

His determination to spurn Pryor led to the tragedy. Miss Davidson and her sister Mary were walking along Main street, to resume their employment at the shirt factory, and were chatting merrily. As they reached the pulp mill office, at Moffet street, Pryor was noticed by them coming along the latter thoroughfare.

He approached the Davidson girls and engaged them in earnest conversation for a moment. It is supposed that he related his desire that Miss Eva Davidson should become his wife, for she declared vehemently, "I will not do it."

This infuriated Pryor, who took a revolver from his pocket and brandished it menacingly.

Miss Mary Davidson fled in terror along Main street, and Pryor fired directly at her fleeing form, but his bullet sped wide of his mark, and she escaped unscathed.

Her sister was not so fortunate in evading the bullets of the madman Pryor. As Miss Eva turned her back on Pryor, he fired the revolver point blank at her. She fell to the sidewalk with a wound that proved mortal, for she scarcely moved after toppling over.

BULLET IN HIS BRAIN

Before any spectator could interfere, Pryor placed the barrel of the weapon against his mouth and pulled the trigger, finishing the gruesome tragedy. Both died within a few minutes after the shots were fired, but it has nearly half an hour before a physician arrived to examine the bodies.

It was found that the bullet directed at Miss Davidson had penetrated her heart, while Pryor had fired a bullet into his brain.

Hundreds of persons congregated near the scene of the murder and viewed the bodies as they lay in the street, until finally Pryor's body was taken in charge by an undertaker and that of Miss Davidson into a house nearby.

ODESSA NOTES

Mrs. Joseph H. Enos is in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Sherman Croft, of Wilmington, is an Odessa visitor.

Mr. Harvey Rose and his bride spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Rose.

Miss Mary LeCompte and Mrs. Howard Woodall are Philadelphia visitors.

Mr. Edward Rhein who has a position in Delaware City was home over Sunday.

Mrs. Jacob Mullerger who has been sick for several weeks is very much better.

Miss Martha Townsend is visiting her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Scott, of Wilmington.

Mrs. McCollough, of Elkton, was in town this week the guest of Mrs. F. B. Watkins.

Mrs. Jack Stuart and son, Stanley, are the guests of Mrs. Alfred Stevens, Mrs. Stuart's mother.

Mrs. J. Clarence Williams, of Philadelphia, is the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Lee Sparks.

Mr. Joseph G. Brown spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia with his son, Mr. Joseph W. Brown.

A large and very appreciative audience attended the entertainment given in the Hall on Wednesday evening of this week by "The Southern Trio." Their plantation songs and melodies were exceedingly entertaining, and recitations by Miss Leech in southern dialect were particularly good. The trio was very ably assisted by Miss Hutchins, Miss Mary Shallop, Mr. H. E. Sharp and others, making it one of the best entertainments heard in Odessa for a long time.

Republicans here are very much amused over the virtuous outburst of Willard Saulsbury in the *Forum* on the political situation in Delaware. It would be bad enough for any Democrat to attempt even a slight defense of Democratic methods in Delaware for the last thirty years when their victories have all been gained by money and legalized fraud, but for Mr. Willard Saulsbury to attempt a defense is simply preposterous. Their leaders all know and none better than Mr. Saulsbury that there is not been an honest election in Delaware since the said gentleman entered into politics.

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Report of Schools for the Month Ending October 31st.

During the month the entire course of study has been revised and the schools regraded. A year has been added to the High School course, and several new studies have been added and others will be as occasion allows.

Examinations will be held at the end of fourth, seventh and tenth months of schools. All examinations for A grades will be prepared by the principal.

During the present month a complete school catalogue including course of study, rules, regulations, etc., will be issued and distributed among the patrons of the school.

Marching has been made a prominent feature; all dismissals at recess, noon and afternoon being made by having pupils rise, form and march out to time as marked by drum.

Parents, patrons and all interested in the cause of education, are cordially invited to visit the schools and become acquainted with the teachers and the methods of work.

We below append the attendance roll and roll of honor for proficiency in study:

ENROLLMENT.

High School—9 and 10 years.

Girls, 12. Average attendance, 10.

Boys, 10. " " " " " "

Total, 22. General attendance, 19.

Grammar School—7 and 8 years.

Girls, 18. Average attendance, 23.

Boys, 14. " " " " " "

Total, 32. General attendance, 38.

Intermediate Department—5 and 6 years.

Girls, 16. Average attendance, 15.

Boys, 21. " " " " " "

Total, 37. General attendance, 35.

Secondary Department—3 and 4 years.

Girls, 24. Average attendance, 22.

Boys, 17. " " " " " "

Total, 41. General attendance, 37.

Primary Department—1 and 2 years.

Girls, 25. Average attendance, 18.

Boys, 30. " " " " " "

Total, 55. General attendance, 39.

ENROLLMENT FOR SCHOOLS.

Boys, 92.

Girls, 86.

Total, 187.

Average attendance—Boys, 80.

Girls, 88.

General attendance, 168.

Those present every day during the month were as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL.

Sallie Racine, Warren Elliott, Josephine Salmons, Clarence Donovan, Jeannette Schreitz, Grover Bendler, Emma Kelley, Grover Allee, Lillian Solway, Bayard Vandegrift, Mary Kumpke, James Davis, Esther Davis, May Kumpke.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Myrtle Bramble, Mae Buehm, Edna Banning, Helen Rowe, Lottie Jolla, Emily Allee, Louisa McCrone, Lillian Walker, Josephine Cochran, Victor Jones, Annie Denny, Fred Blome, Mary Gill, Howard Burchard, Viola Downey, Thomas McWhorter, Bertha Byron, Prudence Lewis.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

John Buehm, Edith Shallos, Blanche Deakney, Norman Gill, Lillie Downey, Emory Hukill, Mary Richards, Joseph Walker, Reece Darlington, Albert Donovan, Flora Blome, Bertie Goff, Irene Cleaver, Norman Kumpke, Samuel Penington, Ringgold Richards, Jean Mettan, Warner Taylor.

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT.

Elsie Boulden, Sophia Blome, Estelle Beaten, Bernice Bramble, Elva Foulke, Elva Deakney, Lena Weber, Pearl Lockerman, Bertha Whitlock, Elwood Banning, Ben Denny, Harry Goff, Joseph Goff, Jay LaFave, Earl Whitlock, George Hukill, David Lockerman, Samuel Lockerman, Willie Wright.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Ruby Whitlock, Frank Mearl, Ida Jones, Jonathan Hukill, Della Muehlberg, John Hofferker, Edith Francis, Harry Jones, Lola Ingram, Russell Reed, Estelle Johnson, Eugene Lockerman, Elva Lockerman, Mabel Dawson, Annie Wilson, Irene Reed.

ROLL OF HONOR—HIGH SCHOOL.

Warren Elliott, 89.

Grover Bendler, 90.

Mary Lewis, 92.

Clarence Donovan, 87.

Harold Dawson, 97.

May Kumpke, 97.

McIntyre Elison, 96.

Maud Deakney, 97.

Esther Davis, 97.

Lillian Solway, 92.

James Davis, 92.

Emma Kelley, 91.

Bayard Vandegrift, 88.

Jeannette Schreitz, 93.

Grover Allee, 93.

Susie Ford, 98.

Josephine Salmons, 93.

Elsie Jones, 96.

Sallie Racine, 93.

Grace Parvis, 88.

Julian Poard, 84.

James Davis, 93.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Anna Denny, Louise McCrone, Edna Banning, Victor Jones, Lottie Jolla, Josephine Cochran, Fred Blome, Prudence Lewis, Myrtle Bramble, Helen Rowe, Lillian Walker, Emily Allee.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Jean Mettan, Samuel Penington, Edith Gibbons, Mary Beaten, Ada Scott, Alice Dawson, Flora Blome, Norman Kumpke, Blanche Deakney, Fannie Buehm, Josephine Cochran, Mary Richards, Elva Foulke, Elva Deakney, Lena Weber, Pearl Lockerman, Bertha Whitlock, Elwood Banning, Ben Denny, Harry Goff, Joseph Goff, Jay LaFave, Earl Whitlock, George Hukill, David

